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COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Individuals with Certain Medical Conditions Eligibility moved up to March 22 and Options on Where to Get Vaccinated

FOND DU LAC, WI – On March 16, 2021, WI Department of Health Service (DHS) announced that individuals age 16 and older with certain medical conditions will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 22, which is a week earlier than previously announced. This eligibility group includes individuals with medical conditions associated with an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

The next eligible group which will begin March 22, 2021 includes individuals age 16 and over with the following medical conditions:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines
- Liver disease
- Neurologic conditions, such as intellectual disabilities and dementia
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30-39 kg/m²)
- Overweight (BMI of 25-29 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m² or more)
- Sickle cell disease
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

To view details about all eligible groups, visit WI DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Additionally, DHS clarified current eligibility to include all clergy (as part of health care personnel who provide spiritual care to the sick), restaurant workers (as part of the food supply eligibility group) and further expanded public safety to include judges, prosecutors, and other essential criminal court personnel, in addition to public defenders.

Depending on vaccine supply, DHS still anticipates that Wisconsin will be able to expand eligibility May 1 to include all individuals age 16 and older.

Options on Where to Get Vaccinated

Once eligible, there are a variety of options for where individuals can get the COVID-19 vaccine, including health care providers, pharmacies, and local health departments. Some places may be able to start vaccinating certain groups earlier than others. However, it will take time to vaccinate all of the eligible groups. Use this map by WI DHS to help find a COVID-19 vaccine provider:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-map.htm>

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics by Public Health

Fond du Lac County Health Department will continue to vaccinate eligible groups in priority order, including individuals who are eligible beginning March 22. The health department will be using the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry system to schedule vaccination appointments for eligible individuals. There is no cost to attend a COVID-19 vaccination clinic by the health department and health insurance information is not required.

To register in English, visit: <https://vaccinate.wi.gov/en-US/>

To register in Spanish, visit: <https://vaccinate.wi.gov/es-ES/>

As vaccine availability increases, the health department will continue to provide vaccine clinics using the vaccine registry system. Once an individual is registered through the vaccine registry, it will notify eligible individuals when sign up is available for appointments. Note: Not all vaccine providers in the area will be using this system and more about the Wisconsin Vaccine Registry can be found here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-registry.htm>

Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling and Information Helpline

A COVID-19 vaccine helpline is now available to provide assistance with registering for the vaccine and answer COVID-19 vaccine related questions. The helpline is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at (844) 684-1064 (toll-free). Para registrarse en Español para recibir la vacuna, llame al 844-684-1064.

COVID-19 Resources

The public is encouraged to stay up to date on vaccine information by visiting the [Fond du Lac County COVID-19 Vaccine](#) and [WI Department of Health Services \(DHS\)](#) websites. Fond du Lac County organizations or individuals who have question about eligibility can email the health department at health@fdlco.wi.gov.

Helpful Links:

- [FCHD COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)

Continue Everyday Precautions

It is important that everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, continue taking everyday precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes wearing a mask when out in public, practicing physical distancing, washing hands frequently, and staying home when sick. Individuals who are fully vaccinated have new activity guidance for certain social situations which can be found on the [WI Department Services website](#).

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